

AZ State Wildfire Qualifications Review Committee

MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2008

0930 - 1430

PHOENIX, AZ

MEETING CALLED BY	Judy Wood, ASF Training Specialist
TYPE OF MEETING	Qualifications Review
ATTENDEES	Cliff Pearlberg - ASF, Jim Downey for Scott Hunt - ASF, Brian Lauber - ASF, Kevin Boness - ASF, Jim Pond - Highlands FD, Bob Arthur - Globe FD, Chris Jessop - Show Low FD, Duane Steinbrink - Prescott FD, Mark South - Tubac FD, Stu Rodeffer - Northwest FD, Jayson Coil - Sedona FD
ABSENT	Scott Hunt - ASF
GUESTS	Mark Shiery - Flagstaff FD, Mark Anderson and Jim Stout - Casa Grande FD, Jim Etshokin - Mt. Lemmon FD, Larry Raley, IC - ASF IMT, Ron Melcher - ASF, Kurt Walker - Peoria FD

***** SPECIAL NOTE: These are open meetings – anyone is welcome to attend. There are absolutely no restrictions with regard to this. Fire Department personnel, Federal personnel, or anyone wishing to sit in, are encouraged to attend and see first hand, how the review process works.**

Interested parties should contact Judy Wood at (520) 628-5480 extension 202, so that additional seating may be provided.

DISCUSSION ITEM #1

File Reviews

ALLRED, Jason – Mesa FD – NEW FILE – Approved ENGB qualified and STEN trainee.

BAILEY, Kevin – Tempe FD – NEW FILE – Approved ENGB trainee.

BEERY, Robb – Payson FD – Approved for STPS trainee.

BENTLEY, Todd – Groom Creek FD – Approved SITL trainee and SCKN trainee.

BERG, Doug – Central Yavapai FD – Approved DIVS trainee.

BUCHANAN, Ben – Chino Valley FD – NEW FILE – Approved ENGB trainee.

CAMERON, Scott – Globe FD – NEW FILE – Approved ENGB qualified.

CAUSER, Jesse – ASF – Approved STEN and STCR trainee.

CARBOUN, Gus – Mesa FD – Approved STEN trainee and ICT4 trainee.

COYNER, Tad – Sedona FD – Approved COML qualified.

ELLIS, Ryan – Surprise FD – NEW FILE – Approved ENGB trainee.

GIRON, TJ – Northwest Fire – Approved FACL qualified.

HANEY, Tom – Mayer FD – Approved ICT4 trainee.

HENDRIX, Cameron – Golder Ranch FD – Approved CRWB trainee.

LaGRECA, Jason – Mayer FD – Approved ICT4 trainee.

MARTIN, Mike – ASF – Approved STCR trainee.

McMILLAN, Clarence – ASF – NEW FILE – Approved COML qualified.

MENDOZA, Pete – Tubac FD – TABLE – needs CRWB experience submitted to support completed taskbook.

MOSER, Cory – Prescott FD – Approved STEN trainee, Duane Steinbrink to fax S-215 certificate.

POLACEK, Jeff – Central Yavapai FD – Approved ICT4 trainee.

ROBINSON, Brian – Northwest Fire – NEW FILE – Approved CRWB, ICT5 qualified and ENGB, FIRB trainee.

(REVIEWS continued)

ROMERO, Chris – Flagstaff FD – NEW FILE – Approved ENGB trainee.

ROSE, Cody – Chino Valley FD – NEW FILE – Approved ENGB trainee.

SCHLOSS, Derek – Northwest Fire – NEW FILE – Approved ICT5 qualified and CRWB, HECM trainee.

TUCKER, Mike – Central Yavapai FD – NEW FILE – Approved DIVS trainee.

WALKER, Kurt – Peoria FD – NEW FILE – Approved ENGB qualified – strongly recommended to take S-234.

WRIGHT, Tracy – Surprise FD – NEW FILE – Approved ENGB trainee.

ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Judy will update ROSS accordingly and issue Red Cards		Judy Wood	ASAP
DISCUSSION ITEM #2	Firewise Advisors and Assessors – Cliff Pearlberg		
CONCLUSIONS	Tom and Gerald Beddow are approved for Firewise Advisor Recognition. Those individuals participating in the Firewise Assessor training at Christopher Kohl FD 2/8 – 2/10/2008, and those participating in the training held at the Az Wildfire Academy 3/16 – 3/18/2008, are approved for Firewise Assessor Recognition.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		N/A	N/A
DISCUSSION ITEM #3	AZ State Forestry – Proposed Sawyer Policy		
CONCLUSIONS	<p>Jim Etshokin, Mt. Lemmon FD gave an overview to the Committee on the history of the Region 3 Sawyer Policy and provided copies of a Policy, modeled after the Region 3 Policy to consider. Duane Steinbrink provided copies of the Policy adopted by the Prescott FD. Judy Wood provided a copy of the BLM FALB and FALC taskbook.</p> <p>A Sub Committee was assigned to review the provided documentation and draft a policy to the Committee and the State Forester, Kirk Rowdabaugh. Individuals with strong experience in this subject were appointed as Sub Committee members: Kevin Boness as Lead with Mark Shiery, Bob Arthur, Jim Etshokin, Chris Jessop, Stu Rodeffer, Jason Coil and Duane Steinbrink as members.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
The Sub Committee will review provided documentation and meet on Tuesday, April 28 th at 1300 to work on a proposal, possibly to be submitted at the next Committee review on April 29 th .		N/A	April 29, 2008
DISCUSSION ITEM #4	FEMA / NWCG Skills Crosswalk document for Structural Firefighters.		
CONCLUSIONS	<p>The Crosswalk document was reviewed by the Committee. It was recognized that although this document provides a lateral crossover to Wildland firefighting for Structural Firefighters, it still requires taskbook completion and field experience. “GAP” training – a modified version of the NWCG required training will need to be provided for those individuals. Instructors of the “GAP” training will need to be qualified to instruct the wildland classes, in accordance with NWCG standards. Certificates will be issued for this training.</p> <p>The Skills Crosswalk document is available and can be obtained at: http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pdf/wildland_training_crosswalk.pdf </p>		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Further Review - “GAP” training guidelines and documentation must be obtained.		All	April 29, 2008

DISCUSSION ITEM #5	Taskbook allowances – how many taskbooks can an Individual have opened at one time?		
CONCLUSIONS	The Committee agreed that it would be strongly recommended that an individual not have more than (3) taskbooks open at once regardless of position category. The justification is that there is a high probability for taskbook expirations should someone carry more than (3) taskbooks at any given time and that training would be more focused with fewer taskbooks.		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		N/A	N/A
DISCUSSION ITEM #6	Non NWCG position qualifications on Red Cards: ATV Operator, Engine Operator, EMT		
CONCLUSIONS	<p>ATV Operator: If certified by the ATV Safety Institute, a card is issued. Once this has been provided to the State, this qualification will be honored, placed on the red card and ROSS will be updated.</p> <p>Engine Operator – this position qualification is addressed in the Skills Crosswalk.</p> <p>EMT – (Basic, Intermediate and Paramedic) Certification renewals must be on file to maintain this position on Red Cards and in ROSS.</p>		
ACTION ITEMS		PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
N/A		N/A	N/A
NEXT MEETING	Wednesday, April 29, 2008 @ 0930 – Location: Phoenix, AZ		